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CALIF. REPUBLICANS PREPARING FOR UNCIVIL WAR. ABORTION AGAIN TAKES CENTER STAGE.

Editor's note: Although there was a great deal of finger pointing immediately after the big win by Calif. Demos, most of the bitterness among Calif. Republicans was supposed to have been put aside in favor of *unity*. Not so. *Uncivil war* has renewed and the battle is over the issue which continues to divide the GOP: abortion. Here's our update & analysis...

...Back on Nov. 13, 1998, Bob Larkin, vice chair of the Ventura Co. GOP Central Committee and 1st vice chair of the Calif. Congress of Republicans, distributed a memo to thousands of key GOPers, calling on all *Calif. Republican Party* officials to resign prior to the Feb. 26-28 CRP convention to "allow for new leadership and direction for the 2000 election." This memo was the opening salvo aimed at the current CRP leadership, but it really never took hold, although Larkin's memo did get news media attention...

...The Larkin memo was enough to cause former CRP Chair Tirso del Junco to announce his intent to challenge current CRP Treasurer Shawn Steel for the party's vice chair, but del Junco's effort fizzled and died. And other than del Junco, there was little or no talk of a challenge until very recently...

...Sources believe what ignited renewed interest in this internal GOP revolt was a January 1999 article in *San Francisco Faith* - a Catholic publication. There's an interview with CRP Vice Chair John McGraw, who hopes to succeed Michael Schroeder as party chair. In this article McGraw said, "*Christ came down to this earth and he spent his whole life imposing his views on people. Killing our babies is the issue of the century. Compared to that, cutting taxes or any other issue pales in comparison.*"...

...Moderates and other more traditional GOPers view McGraw's statement as being anti-big tent and thus they will make an effort at the CRP meeting in Sacto to remove anti-choice language from the party platform and to elect a slate of candidates who are *not* as conservative as those now in power. Larkin is a key leader in this revolt and he told **Calpeek** the movement is supported by individual members of the Calif. Congress of Republicans, the Calif. Republican League and U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas' Republican Majority Cmt. The CCR is mainstream GOP, while the CRL and Thomas' group tend to be more moderate. Members from these groups have met at least 4 times to map strategy. No prediction as to what will happen, but the CRP is controlled by conservative hardliners --- so don't let your first born. Nevertheless, numerous GOP sources said this revolt should be taken seriously...

...FYI: Among those targeted are McGraw and Steel. McGraw will be challenged by former CRP Regional Vice Chair Nicholas Bavaro, while former Assemblyman Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara is challenging Steel. The rest of the slate is in the formative stages. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: MARCH 7th STATE SENATE PRIMARIES.

Editor's note: There are going to be some very hot and perhaps bloody GOP and Demo primaries for the State Senate in 2000. Already the jockeying for position has begun. Here's our 1st report. Next week: a preview of some State Assembly primary battles...

...**Odd numbered** Senate Districts are up in 2000 and there are going to be a number of OPEN seat primary battles worth watching...

☒ **1st SD** - A potential GOP *blood bath* looms as Assemblyman Ricco Oller will tangle with former

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Assemblyman Bernie Richter of Chico for Sen. Tim Leslie's open senate seat. Leslie is *termed out*, but is probably going to run for Oller's assembly seat. Richter made a number of enemies while in the legislature, including a few on the GOP side. Richter has already set the tone by issuing a news release on Jan. 21st saying that "voters will decide who represents the 1st SD, not the politicians in Sacto." In the early skirmishing, Oller was the winner when his candidate, Dr. Sam Aanestad, beat Bernie's son-in-law, David Reade, for Richter's 3rd AD seat in the 1998 June GOP primary...

☒ **23rd SD** - There is not any bad blood between Demo Assemblyman Wally Knox and Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl - but make no mistake, these two rivals in neighboring ADs are locked in what could be a very tight race to succeed Sen. Tom Hayden(D), who is *termed out*. Knox and Kuehl are both into a campaign mode and are faxing the political news media regularly. Who wins? A total toss up, although some see Kuehl as having a slight edge...

☒ **11th SD** - State Sen. Byron Sher(D-Palo Alto) was looking for a cushy reelection bid next year, but that's not going to happen. At a very recent dinner, which Sher attended, Assemblyman Ted Lempert(D) announced to a rather stunned audience that he would challenge Sher in the primary. That's not the kind of news that Senate PPT John Burton(D) wanted to hear. Our bet: Burton will work out a deal to get Lempert out of the way...

☒ **19th SD** - Sen. Cathy Wright(R-Simi Valley) is *termed out* and a bloody, pre-primary battle has been brewing for almost a year between Assemblyman Tom McClintock(R-Northridge) and former Assemblyman Nao Takasugi of Oxnard. Takasugi has never lost an election, but there's always a first time, and in McClintock Takasugi has a very experienced and energetic campaigner. McClintock has raised \$112,000 so far and in last year's opening round McClintock was a winner when he backed Tony Strickland to take Takasugi's 37th AD seat against Rich Sybert. Sybert was supported by Takasugi. Key question: who does Cathy Wright support???

☒ **33rd SD** - Another hot GOP primary battle will see Assemblymen Dick Ackerman and Bill Campbell going at one another for Sen. John Lewis(R) seat.

Lewis is *termed out*. Lewis' support may be a key to this primary...

☒ **5th SD** - State Sen. Patrick Johnston(D-Stockton) is *termed out* and Demos think Assemblyman Mike Machado(D) has a good chance to hold this seat. For the GOP to take this seat, they really need an uncontested primary. Former Assemblyman Larry Bowler(R) wants the job, but our sources say that popular BOE Member Dean Andal is looking here too. The primary situation is unclear for the time being...

☒ **25th SD** - Demo State Sen. Teresa Hughes is *termed out* next year and in the battle of the Demo Assemblymembers, it will be former Inglewood Mayor Ed Vincent vs. Carl Washington. More next week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: THE RUN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.
Editor's note: Just a brief update about the 25 Calif. GOP State Senators & Assemblymembers who recently urged Texas Gov. George W. Bush(R) to run for President...

...The Jan. 20th letter was signed by just about half of all the Calif. GOP legislators is considered a very big boost for the Texas governor, if he runs in 2000. That's still up in the air...

...The news accounts never listed the full 25, so here they are: State Senators Ray Haynes, Dave Kelley and Richard Rainey; and Assemblymembers Bruce Thompson, Bill Leonard, Howard Kaloogian, Anthony Pescetti, Scott Baugh, Dick Dickerson, Ken Maddox, Tony Strickland, Patricia Bates, Roy Ashburn, Brett Granlund, Abel Maldonado, GOP Leader Rod Pacheco, Charlene Zettel, Bob Pacheco, George Runner, Jim Cunneen, Sam Aanestad, Dick Ackerman, George House, Bill Campbell and Jim Battin. This group includes moderates, traditional conservatives, as well as hardliners...

...FYI: Was this early "endorsement" of Bush a slap at former CA Gov. Pete Wilson? YES. And time is growing short for Wilson, who will have to decide soon on whether to run. One key to look for: Sean Walsh. Sources say Wilson has asked his spin doctor to hold off on accepting any job offers until he makes up his mind. Stay tuned...

SPECIAL ELECTION: 16th AD RACE IS VERY CLOSE.

Editor's note: The special election to replace Don Perata(D-Oakland) in the State Assembly is a battle which insiders say is *very close*. The special is Feb. 2nd. Here's our final update & analysis...

...Although there are others in this 16th AD special, make no mistake this primary is between former Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris(D) and attorney & Alameda Co. Demo mover Frank Russo. Sources say Harris is slightly better funded than Russo -- if you throw in *independent expenditures*...

...As mentioned previously, this special is boils down to turnout: the candidate who gets his supporters to the polls or has the most absentee ballots in the "bank," will be the winner. Russo's campaign thinks they may have an edge on A/B, but we won't know until the votes are counted...

...In terms of message, Russo is stressing *new leadership* and *change*. Harris is well-known to voters and almost enjoys incumbent status in this battle. In fact, insiders say this is Harris' race to lose. But don't bet your first born because Harris has flaws. The Raider football deal is still a sore point with voters; and 8 of 10 Oakland kids can't read at the national level. More troubling to voters may be a last minute hit sent out by Russo, saying Harris *didn't vote* in a couple of recent elections, including the Sept. '98 special to replace Barbara Lee. When Lee ran and won the vacant U.S. House seat of Ron Dellums, that set off a chain of special elections - including this one...

...In terms of endorsements, Harris recently won backing from the *Oakland Tribune* and *S.F. Chron.* He's also supported by S.F. Mayor Willie Brown, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, plus Assembly Speaker Antonio Villariagosa. If Harris wins on Tuesday, he'll be the **only** Black member of the legislature from Northern Calif. That's why this special is being watched very closely. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN '99: EARLY SPRING MUNI ELECTIONS.

Editor's note: Here is Part II in our continuing series of reports & updates about early Spring municipal elections...

☑ ***Long Beach Special Election*** - There will be a special election Mar. 30th to fill the vacancy created when Alan Lowenthal was elected to the State Assembly. There are 10 candidates running for Lowenthal's 2nd District seat. But the front-runners are Dan Baker, who has been endorsed by Lowenthal; and Clive Graham, a moderate GOPer. Baker is gay (past president of Lambda) and is chair of the Long Beach Citizens Complaint Commission and sits on the Mayor's Strategic Plan Task Force. Baker has hired consultant Larry Remer's Primacy Group. 2nd tier candidates include William Molnar, Lois Ledger, Robert Fox and Audrey Loftin. Sources say this is Baker's race to win or lose...

☑ ***Pasadena*** - This is L.A. Co.'s 5th largest city with 134,351 residents. Last November, Pasadena voters decided to make the *mayor's job* an elective, 4-year post. There are 10 candidates running in the Mar. 9th primary, but most sources say only 4 are in the top tier. They are: current Mayor Chris Holden, son of L.A. Councilman Nate Holden; Councilman William M. Paparian; Councilwoman Ann-Marie Villicana; and attorney Bill Bogaard. Holden is using the ballot title "mayor," which has rival Villicana rather POed, saying Holden is misleading voters because the full-time post was only created last Nov. 3rd. Villicana is the first Latina elected to the council and she's hired consultant John Shallman and strategic communications exec Joe Scott to run her campaign. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: NO SAMPLING FOR CENSUS.

Editor's note: Here's another update on some legal developments worth noting...

■ ***No Sampling for 2000 Census*** - By a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court has banned the use of sampling to conduct the 2000 Census. In the 1990 Census, using the door-to-door head count, Calif. was under-counted by 1.5 million. Politically, Demos favored the sampling method, while the GOP was opposed, fearing they could lose up to 24 U.S. House seats nationwide if the sampling method was used...

■ ***AG Gets the Baugh Case*** - Orange Co. DA Tony

Rackauckas says he's got a *conflict* and thus can't try GOP Assemblyman Scott Baugh of Huntington Beach on two felony perjury charges and 10 misdemeanor counts, all dealing with campaign contributions and disclosures dating back to the 1995 recall election of Doris Allen. Former DA Mike Capazzi wanted to try the case, but the court ruled he too had a conflict -- and former AG Dan Lungren didn't want the case either. But now the AG's office, under Bill Lockyer(D), has agreed to accept it. The case will be reviewed and then either dismissed, tried or turned over to the FPPC...

■ **Libertarians Join Prop. 10 Lawsuit** - The Libertarian Party of Calif. has joined the CA Assn. of Retail Tobacconists(CART) in their legal action to overturn Prop. 10, which took effect Jan. 1st and hiked the State tax on cigarettes by 50 cents per pack (plus cigars and other tobacco products)...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are few items, political and otherwise, worth noting...

● **The Impeachment Brouhaha** - With Hustler Magazine publisher Larry Flint now enjoying higher polling numbers than the GOP Congress or Ken Starr, can things get any worse for the Republicans? **Absolutely!** Although there are GOPers in the U.S. Senate who know there's going to be huge price to pay for continuing Pres. Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, witnesses will be called and this trial could drag on for weeks. The only ones who want a prolonged trial are: 1) the 13 House impeachment mgrs. and their GOP allies in the House, led by Whip Tom DeLay; 2) Ken Starr's team; 3) the news media; and 4) Demo consultants. Quote of the week from an unnamed Demo consultant in Sacto: "I hope the GOP House managers call Monica to the well of the Senate - so she can snap her thong underwear at them."...

● **Another Voucher Initiative** - The official title of this statute is *Education. Public Funding of Private and Parochial Schools. Student Testing for Grants and Public School Advancement*. The sponsor is David Barulich of the Cmt. to End Social Promotion, ☎(213) 257-1827. The measure provides grants of \$3,000 or \$3,200 per child to the parents of children in non-public schools. But there's a catch: the annual grant would only be awarded if the kids pass their grade-level

exams. Barulich has until June 14 to collect 419,094 signatures...

◆ **Lungren's a Talk Radio Host** - Live, M-F from 12 noon to 3 p.m., it's the Dan Lungren Show on the Catholic Family Radio Network. In the Orange Co. market, Lungren's show airs on KPLS-AM...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook. We've got tons of these items in our computer bank...

● Gov. Davis has reappointed Dwight "Spike" Helmick as Commissioner of the CHP...

● Robyn A. Black, chair of the Industrial Welfare Comm. under Gov. Wilson, has been hired as a lobbyist by Aaron Read & Assoc. in Sacto...

● The CA Chamber of Commerce has hired Jeanne Cain as VP of Govt. Affairs and Kathy Fairbanks as VP of Media Relations. Cain was Gov. Wilson's deputy COS, while Fairbanks was p/a mgr. in Burson Marsteller's Sacto office...

● Jeff Randle succeeds Dennis Hunt as general mgr. of Stoorza, Ziegus & Metzger's Sacto office. Hunt remains with the firm as a Sr. counselor...

● Former State Sen. Jim Mills of Coronado has been appointed to the Board of the CA High Speed Rail Authority by the Senate Rules Committee...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Feb. 1	State campaign reports due (10/18 to 12/31).
Feb. 2	16th AD Special Election.
Feb. 8	Last day to file L.A. City nominating petitions.
Feb. 12-15	Libertarian Party of Calif. annual convention at Doubletree Hotel, San Jose.
Feb. 22	Demo Governor's dinner, Wash. DC.
Feb. 28	Sacramento Seminar sponsored by the Calif. Center for Education in Public Affairs.
Feb. 26-28	CA Republican Party convention at the Sacto Hyatt Hotel.
Mar. 6-9	Nat'l League of Cities Congressional meeting, Wash DC.
Mar. 18-20	DNC meeting, Wash. DC.
Mar. 26-28	CA Demo Party convention at Sacto Convention Center.
Mar. 30	16th AD Special Election runoff.
Apr. 13	L.A. Muni Election.